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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Original): An actuator for use in a pickup device, which moves a lens holder

holding an outer peripheral portion of an objective lens, wherein an adhesive layer is formed between

the outer peripheral portion of the objective lens and the lens holder, the adhesive layer having a

thickness dimension which is sufficient enough to absorb deformation of the lens holder when the

lens holder is deformed due to resonance.

Claim 2 (Original): The actuator for use in a pickup device, according to claim 1, wherein

a spacer which contacts the outer peripheral portion of the objective lens is provided between the

outer peripheral portion of the objective lens and the lens holder.

Claim 3 (Original): The actuator for use in a pickup device, according to claim 1, wherein

the adhesive layer is formed by filling an adhesive agent between the outer peripheral portion of the

objective lens and the lens holder.

Claim 4 (Original): The actuator for use in a pickup device, according to claim 2, wherein

the spacer is a projection formed integrally on the lens holder.

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Claim 5 (Original): The actuator for use in a pickup device, according to claim 4, wherein

the projection is provided at each of three positions maintaining a substantially equal interval

between each other along a circumferential direction of the objective lens.

Claim 6 (Original): An actuator for use in a pickup device, which moves a lens holder

holding an outer peripheral portion of an objective lens by means of an electromagnetic drive,

wherein

the outer peripheral portion of the objective lens and the lens holder are provided,

maintaining a predetermined clearance between each other,

an adhesive agent is provided in the clearance, and

a resonance frequency f of the objective lens is set higher than a predetermined servo band

to be applied to drive the electromagnetic drive, and lower than a resonance frequency of the lens

holder, the resonance frequency f of the objective lens being obtained by an expression:

$$f = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

where k is a spring constant of the adhesive agent and m is mass of the objective lens.

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Claim 7 (New): An actuator for a pickup device, comprising:

a lens holder having a mounting hole for holding an objective lens;

an electromagnetic drive for moving the lens holder;

a ring-shaped recess provided on an outer periphery of the mounting hole;

a projection provided on the recess to be in contact with an outer periphery of the objective

lens; and

an adhesive layer formed between the outer peripheral portion of the objective lens and the

lens holder.

Claim 8 (New): The actuator according to claim 7, wherein the thickness of the adhesive

layer is $100\mu m$ or more.

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